

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of making a knob by steps of

(a) molding a polymeric material to provide a polymeric body, which has a boss having an end face and having a recessed external wall extending between the end face and ~~and which has a recess bordering the boss and having a floor, the wall adjoining the floor,~~

(b) stamping and drawing a metal sheet or a metal strip to provide a metal cup, which is adapted to fit over the boss, ~~which has~~ with a plate adapted to cover the end face of the boss when the metal cup fits over the boss ; and ~~which has~~ a skirt adapted to encompass the external wall of the ~~central~~ boss when the metal cup fits over the ~~central~~ boss, the skirt being unitary with the circular plate, and

(c) fitting the metal cup over the boss so that the plate covers the ~~top~~ end face of the ~~central~~ boss, and so that the skirt encompasses the external wall of the boss and defines the outer face of said knob between said circular plate and said floor, and securing the metal cup to the polymeric body.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the metal cup is provided in ~~steps~~ step (b) so that the skirt has a unitary tab projecting from the skirt and wherein in ~~steps~~ step (c) the unitary tab is caused to project through an associated slot in the floor.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the metal cup is provided in ~~steps~~ step (b) so that the unitary tab has a barbed portion, which coacts with the polymeric body in ~~steps~~ step (c) to secure the metal cup to the polymeric body.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the metal cup is provided in ~~steps~~ step (b) so that the unitary tab has a pierced portion, which coacts with the polymeric body in ~~steps~~ step (c) to secure the metal cup to the polymeric body.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the metal cup is provided in ~~steps~~ step (b) so that the unitary tab has a distal portion, which is bent in ~~steps~~ step (c) to secure the metal cup to the polymeric body.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the metal cup is provided in ~~steps~~ step (b) so that the skirt has unitary tabs projecting from the cylindrical skirt and wherein in ~~steps~~ step (c) each unitary tab is caused to project into an associated slot in the floor.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the metal cup is provided in ~~steps~~ step (b) so that each unitary tab has a barbed portion, which coacts with the polymeric body in step (c) to secure the metal cup to the polymeric body.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the metal cup is provided in ~~steps~~ step (b) so that each unitary tab has a pierced portion, which coacts with the polymeric body in ~~steps~~ step (c) to secure the metal cup to the polymeric body.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the metal cup is provided in ~~steps~~ step (b) so that each unitary tab has a distal portion, which is bent under the polymeric body in ~~steps~~ step (c) to secure the metal cup to the polymeric body.

10. (Currently amended) The method of any one of claims 1 through 9 wherein in ~~steps~~ step (c) the circular plate also is secured adhesively to the circular ~~top~~ end face of the ~~central~~ boss.